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## Action required: Summer travel message from OISS

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Greetings from OISS!

We hope this finds you well. As we get closer to the end of the semester, we know that you are making plans for your summer. The Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) wants to provide you with some important information, a short survey for you to complete, and a few reminders. Please read this message carefully.

We strongly encourage those who can remain in the United States this summer to do so. OISS is working with Housing Services to ensure that undergraduate students who would like to remain in the United States this summer because of COVID-related travel challenges have access to on-campus housing if needed. We will also be organizing a variety of programs this summer for those who stay in the area. To assist us with planning, please complete this brief survey about your intended summer plans.

If you are planning to travel internationally this summer, keep in mind that travel continues to be challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic and you are assuming the risk that you may be unable to return for the Fall semester. While the situation has improved some, we are still seeing travel delays and rapid changes in requirements and policy. If you must travel internationally, please keep the following in mind:

- If your visa has expired, we advise against leaving the United States. US Embassies and Consulates around the world are still backlogged and a visa appointment may not be available in time for you to return for the Fall semester.
- You must have a travel signature on your I-20 (on P. 2) or DS-2019 (bottom right of P. 1) that is new within 12 months. Please check your document to make sure this is true. If you need a new travel signature, you must request that via our I-20/DS-2019 Reprint Request e-form. This form can be found in iHome in the General Services section.
- COVID-19 related testing and quarantine requirements vary highly depending on where you are going and are subject to change without warning. It is your responsibility to understand those requirements for any of your destinations this summer. OISS will continue to update our COVID-19 Travel Updates and FAQs page to reflect current requirements to travel to the United States.

Lehigh is currently planning to operate fully in-person for the Fall 2022 semester. Should you choose to leave the US and be unable to return by the start of the semester, you may be required to take a Leave of Absence since remote accommodations will not be available in most cases.

If you have questions about this message, please reach out to us at intnl@lehigh.edu.

We wish you a safe and successful end of your semester!

Sincerely,

Office of International Students & Scholars

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